

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 9 have been cancelled.

The Examiner rejected claims 10 - 28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,469,718 issued to Setogawa in view of U.S. Patent 6,728,477 issued to Watkins.

The Setogawa reference has been discussed in detail in previous responses (including the Appeal Brief filed on March 15, 2005 and therefore, the Applicants will discuss the Watkins reference and why it does not, in combination with Setogawa, render claims 10 - 28 unpatentable.

Watkins describes an apparatus (DVD player, computer etc) that presents multiple angles of a video on a display by providing the capability of displaying various angle displays (for those video that was filmed in more than one angle) that are pre-selected by a user prior to the actual display. In Watkins, a user selects from any of the number of available (if any) filmed angles which are then displayed in a single video frame. Therefore, Watkins provides only for the display of selected film angles all of which are encoded in a single video frame for display only.

At no point does Watkins provide for selection of any one of the displayed presentations for a display in a normal playback mode as provided for in claim 10,

"An apparatus to play a video, said apparatus comprising:

an input to receive an MPEG datastream, said datastream comprising information for a plurality of different presentations of said video;

a decoding circuit configured to decode said MPEG datastream so as to output a signal for displaying a first presentation of said video;

a first selection circuit operable to re-configure said decoding circuit such that said decoding circuit is configured to decode said MPEG datastream so as to output a signal for displaying a second presentation of said video contemporaneous with the first presentation; and

a receiver configured to receive during the display of the first and the second presentation a signal from a user that indicates a desired one of the first and the second presentations to display wherein the selection circuit re-configures said decoding circuit such that said decoding circuit decodes said MPEG datastream so as to output a signal for displaying the selected presentation only in normal playback mode"

In this way, the invention as recited in claim 10 provides for display in normal playback mode a selected one of the presentations.


Accordingly, the Applicants believe that claim 10 is allowable over the cited references and requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection thereof.

Independent claims 11 and 22 recite essentially the same limitations as does claim 10 and are therefore also believed to be allowable. In addition, all dependent claims depend either directly or indirectly from claims 10, 11 or 22 and are also believed to be allowable at least for the reasons stated above.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable. Should the Examiner believe that a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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